

HOUSE No. 3496

By Representative Grant of Beverly and Senator Tolman, joint petition of Mary E. Grant and others for legislation to preserve the right of way for the North/South rail link. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

AN ACT TO PRESERVE THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE NORTH SOUTH RAIL LINK.

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 161C of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding
3 after the last sentence the following sentence:—

4 Furthermore, to carry out the purposes of this section, the Com-
5 monwealth of Massachusetts shall preserve intact the right of way
6 for the proposed North South Rail Link. This right of way is
7 extremely vulnerable to the impact of development and redevelop-
8 ment around the existing rail tracks and terminals. In addition, rail
9 projects already in planning and construction phases will exceed the
10 capacity of the South Station terminal. Preservation of the right of
11 way for the North South Rail Link will assure that rail transportation
12 can be enhanced or expanded in our region.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 161C, as so appearing, is hereby further
2 amended by inserting after section 7 the following section:—

3 Section 8. This section requires the Commonwealth of Massachu-
4 setts through its executive office of transportation and construction,
5 in consultation with the Massachusetts turnpike authority, Massachu-
6 setts Bay Transportation Authority to perform a study to specifically
7 identify and map the necessary right of way to allow for the con-
8 struction of the proposed North South Rail Link connecting North
9 Station to South Station. This study must include particular refer-
10 ence to the Major Investment Study/Draft Environmental Impact
11 Report (EOEA#10270), prepared under the aegis of the executive
12 office of environmental affairs which was concluded on March 31,
13 2003. A plan to preserve said right of way, once identified, shall be
14 determined and implemented immediately.